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COUNTRY	Czechoslovakia	REPORT NO.	[REDACTED]
TOPIC	1. Prerov Airfield 2. Valasske Mezirici Military Post	[REDACTED]	ILLEGIB
EVALUATION	[REDACTED]	PLACE OBTAINED	[REDACTED]
DATE OF CONTENT	December 1951 to August 1952		
DATE OBTAINED	[REDACTED]	DATE PREPARED	1 September 1953
REFERENCES	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	ILLEGIB
PAGES	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 sketch 1 with legend		
REMARKS	[REDACTED]		

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1. Between 1 June and 30 August 1952, large scale construction work was being done by Moravostav Construction Firm at an airfield about 3 km southwest of Prerov (P 50/O 03). About 100 men of a PTP unit and 70 to 80 workers of the construction firm were employed. The airfield was just northwest and north of Bochor (P 50/O 03) and Vcelin (P 50/H 93). The field measured about 3 km from east to west and about 2 km from north to south. No artificial border was observed around the field. Most of the buildings were located in a woods of deciduous trees of about 15 meters high. An asphalt road, about 6 meters wide, extended to the field from Prerov and another road from Vesky (P 50/O 03) railroad station. The roads at the field were covered with concrete and were 4 to 8 meters wide. The villages of Bochor and Vcelin were occupied by civilians. Of the old buildings at the airfield only two hangars and some small low wooden buildings remain in the northeastern corner of the field. The other buildings observed at the field had been newly constructed by the Czechs. In August 1952, excavation work was observed in the southern section of the field in the woods west of Vcelin. The high trees around the building had not been cut for camouflage purposes.
2. The landing field was level, sandy and covered with grass. After a long rain, the soil in the woods was marshy and smooth. A SW-NE runway, about 2 km long, 40 meters wide and covered with a concrete top layer was at the field. A concrete taxiway about 15 meters wide branched off toward the north to the old hangars and extended south of, and parallel to, the runway. South of the taxiway in the northern corner of the woods were three underground fuel tanks. The westernmost tank was completed but had not been filled with fuel as of August 1952. The tanks allegedly, were up to 10 meters underground. Each tank had a wall thickness of about 1.5 meters and contained 5 fuel containers, each 6 meters long and 2.5 meters in diameter. Another fuel dump which was filled and guarded was located in the northwestern section of the field. There, 10 vent pipes projected beyond walls of earth.
3. About 15 single-seat jet aircraft with swept-back wings, thought to be MiG-15s according to workers, were parked in the old hangars at the field. The aircraft were daily towed out of the hangars and then parked along the apron in front of the hangars. Also some were towed to the point where the taxiway branches off from the runway. Aircraft flying individually and in groups of two were daily observed aloft. No aircraft were parked in the new hangars south of the southwestern section of the runway which was still under construction.

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The air force personnel observed at the field included EM, NCOs and officers up to the rank of major.

4. No AA gun emplacement was observed at the field. A Czech stated that an AA gun emplacement of 4 guns was located on triangulation point 298, referred to as Schwedenschanze (Svedske Sance), about 4 km east of the field, southeast of Prerov. Informant also said that this emplacement was repeatedly occupied by guns.
5. Between December 1951 and January 1952, new temporary buildings were being erected in a billeting area northeast of Valasske Mezirici (P 50/O 34). The barracks buildings were occupied by an infantry unit and an air force unit. Officers up to colonel were observed among the air force personnel.

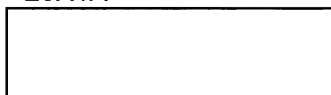
- 25X1A 1. [ ] Comment. Large scale construction at Prerov airfield has previously been reported several times. [ ] according to other reports, the runway has a length of 2,500 meters. For layout sketch of airfield, see Annex. 25X1A
- 25X1A 2. [ ] Comment. Occupation by jet aircraft, probably MiG-15s, was previously believed to be probable. [ ] The airfield is believed to be occupied by a Czech fighter regiment. 25X1A
- 25X1A 3. [ ] Comment. The occupation of the barracks installation east of Valasske Mezirici was previously reported. [ ] 25X1A

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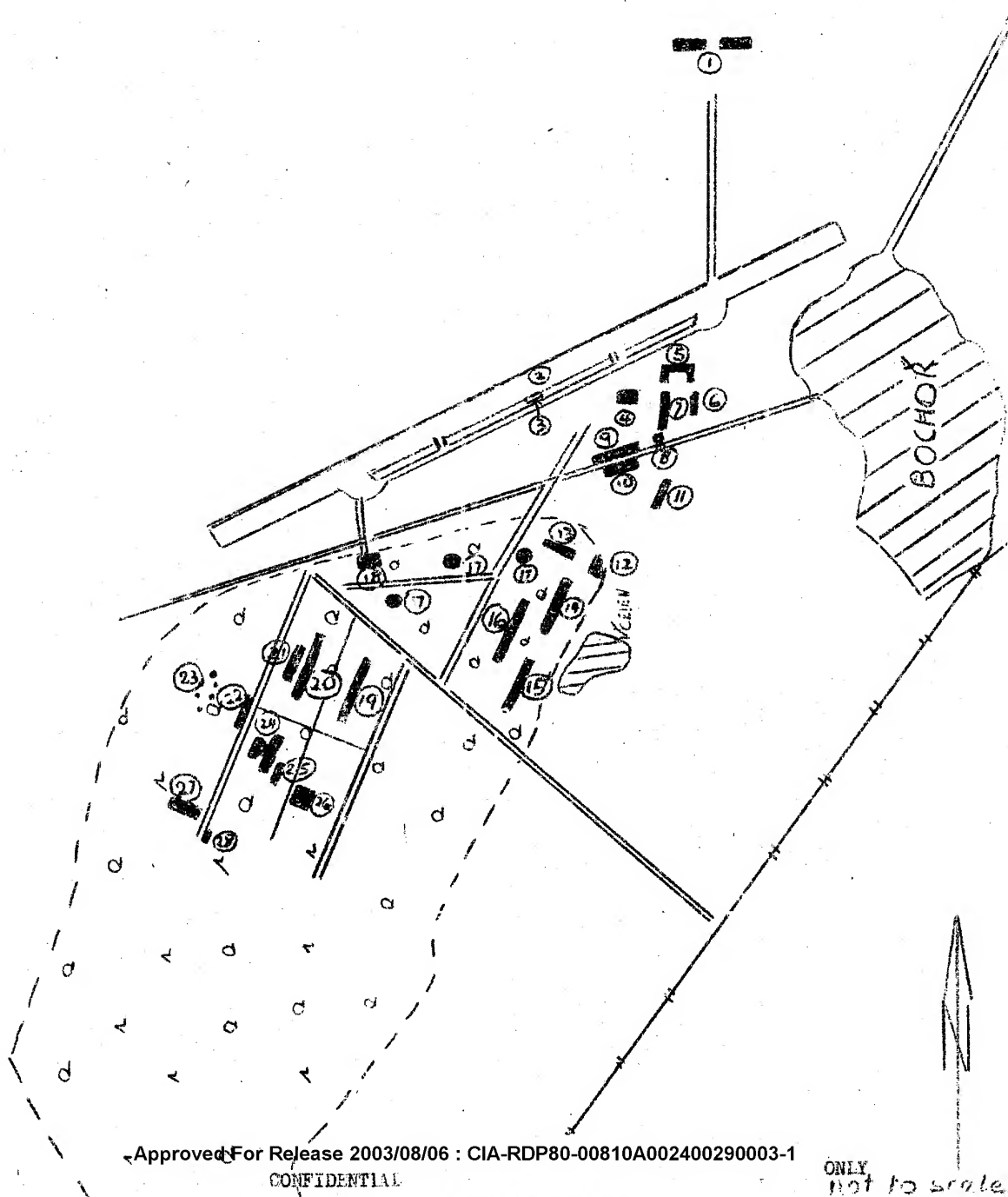
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Prerov Airfield

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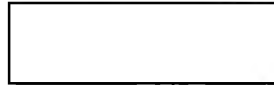


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Legend:

- 1 Two hangars with flat roofs, erected during WW II
- 2 Concrete runway, about 2 km long and 40 meters wide
- 3 Low brick building, 6 x 8 meters, with glass superstructure
- 4 Low wooden building, 20 x 30 meters, garage for trucks of construction firm
- 5 Low brick building with attached wings of wood, 20 x 25 meters, with quarters and PX for civilian workers and soldiers of PTP unit
- 6 Brick building with flat roof, 8 x 30 meters, used for the storage of material of construction firm
- 7 Low brick building, 8 x 40 meters, construction bureau
- 8 Wooden shed, 4 meters square, lodge
- 9 Low wooden building, 8 x 50 meters, used for the storage of construction material
- 10 Low wooden building, 8 x 30 meters, housing forge and locksmith's shop of construction firm
- 11 Low wooden building, 8 x 40 meters, carpenter's shop of construction firm
- 12 Old forester's house
- 13 Low wooden building, 8 x 40 meters, quarters for personnel of PTP unit
- 14 Low brick building, 8 x 60 meters, with quarters and kitchen of PTP unit
- 15 Low brick building, 8 x 60 meters, under construction, quarters for EM
- 16 Brick building, 8 x 60 meters, completed, quarters for air force personnel
- 17 Three concrete fuel bunkers, under construction
- 18 New brick hangar, about 40 x 60 meters, with large gate and flat roof
- 19 Low brick building, 8 x 60 meters, billets for air force personnel; source observed an instruction room with tables and blackboard
- 20 Brick building under construction, motion picture theater and clubrooms
- 21 Brick building, 8 x 40 meters, dispensary
- 22 Brick building, 4 x 6 meters, fuel dump
- 23 Probable underground fuel dump

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- 24. Low brick building with kitchen, messhall, office and stores for air force personnel
- 25. Brick transformer station under construction; source observed the laying of underground cables.
- 26. Brick boiler house for central heating, about 20 x 30 meters, under construction
- 27. Low brick building, 20 x 60 meters, with grated-up windows, technical storehouse of air force personnel
- 28. a. Low wooden building, 4 x 6 meters, guardroom  
b. Brick building, 5 x 10 meters, under construction, guardroom

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